

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 867

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Walter Butler for
laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy Tennessean is the Honorable Walter Butler, who was honored by the Huntingdon Town Council on April 23, 2002, with the Pinnacle of Excellence award, the highest award bestowed by the City of Huntingdon, given only to who have brought uncommon honor and recognition to the town; and

WHEREAS, Walter Butler has a long and distinguished record of public service; he has earned an unsurpassed reputation for his dedication to the common good of the people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butler earned a degree in biology from the University of Tennessee at Martin and another in accounting from Bethel College, and he also graduated from the University of Tennessee Center for Governmental Training as a Certified Public Administrator; and

WHEREAS, he has honorably served his fellow citizens in numerous positions and on multiple levels of government, from 1978 until 1994, serving with acumen and alacrity as Carroll County Trustee; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, he was elected Carroll County Executive, and he continued to provide unparalleled leadership to his friends, neighbors, and constituents until 1996, when he accepted his first position in state government; and

WHEREAS, since that time, Mr. Butler has earned much respect and admiration for his great character, wisdom, and remarkable ability to lead while serving at various times as Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Personnel, Assistant Commissioner for the Tennessee State Parks System in the Department of Environment and Conservation, and Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development; and

WHEREAS, having displayed such a rare ability to lead, he recently was appointed Commissioner of the Department of Personnel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butler epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he is also a devout Christian and serves his Lord faithfully as a member and Deacon of the Huntingdon Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, his professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Butler is most grateful for the deep love and companionship he shares with his wife, Jennifer, and he is the proud and devoted father of three sons, Murray, Joseph, and Thomas; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Walter Butler for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Walter Butler for his meritorious service

to the people of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.